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SUBJ: FORMIN SWARAN SINGH STRONGLY CRITICIZES PAKS AND INDIAN
CONGRESS SESSION.

1. SHARP CRITICISM OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND HIS ATTEMPTS TO
"DISRUPT" THE SIMLA PROCESS WERE THE MAIN THEMES OF SWARAN SINGH'S
FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH AT THE JULY 20 AFTERNOON SESSION OF THE
ALL - INDIA CONGRESS COMMITTEE MEETING IN NEW DELHI. THE EXTERNAL
AFFAIRS MINISTER PREFACED HIS ATTACKS BY CALLING ATTENTION TO
THE LESSENING OF CONFRONTATION IN EUROPE, THE GROWING DETENTE
BETWEEN THE US AND USSR, AND THE PROGRESS INDIA WAS MAKING IN
IMPROVING ITS RELATIONS WITH BURMA, SRI LANKA, NEPAL AND BANGLADESH.

2. HE THEN REBUKED PAKISTAN FOR UNDERMINING THE SIMLA PROCESS
"BY REVERTING TO THE FAMILIAR PATTERN OF CONFRONTATION AGAINST
INDIA" AND FOR PURSUING A MISGUIDED POLICY TOWARDS BANGLADESH.
"THE PRESENT LEADERSHIP OF PAKISTAN, INCLUDING BHUTTO," HE
CHARGED, "CANNOT BE ABSOLVED OF RESPONSIBILITY" FOR YAHYA KHAN'S
1971 POLICY TOWARDS BANGLADESH. FURTHER, THERE WAS NO VALID

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CONNECTION BETWEEN PAKISTAN'S RECENT POSTPONEMENT OF INDO-PAK TALKS

ON TRAVEL AND COMMUNICATION AND INDIA'S TEST OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.

3. PRESSING HIS ATTACK, SINGH CHARACTERIZED "THE LINE PUT OUT BY BHUTTO" AND OTHER PAKISTANI LEADERS AS AN ATTEMPT TO CREATE AN ANTI-INDIAN ATMOSPHERE OF HATE, SUSPICION AND FEAR AMONG PAKISTAN'S POPULATION, WHICH, IN TURN WILL SERVE "TO PAPER OVER INTERNAL PROBLEMS OF THEIR OWN MAKING" SUCH AS BALUCHISTAN. THOUGH INDIA WOULD REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING ON "ANY CRITICAL MATTER" INVOLVING PAKISTAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS, IT HAS NOW BECOME ITS "DUTY TO EXPOSE THESE POSTURES THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY PAKISTAN AGAINST INDIA." THE GOP COULD NOT USE "CONCOCTED" AND "IMAGINARY" EXTERNAL THREATS IF THEY WISH OTHER COUNTRIES TO REFRAIN FROM COUNTER-CRITICISM. BHUTTO'S ATTEMPTS TO "WEAVE A STORY" CONNECTING THE VISITS OF BALUCHI DISSIDENTS TO KABUL WITH THE KASHMIR NEGOTIATIONS IN INDIA WAS A CASE IN POINT AND CAN ONLY BE TERMED AS "IRRESPONSIBLE." THOUGH INDIA "CANNOT ADVISE HIM ON HOW TO TACKLE HIS INTERNAL PROBLEMS," HE EXCLAIMED, "IT CAN WARN HIM AGAINST TRYING TO CONNECT INDIA WITH HIS PROBLEMS". IN THIS REGARD, SINGH STATED THAT KASHMIR IS AN "INTREGAL PART OF INDIA" AND THAT THE ONLY LINGERING KASHMIR PROBLEM IS THE PAKISTANI'S - OCCUPIED PORTION OF THE STATE WHICH INDIA HAS ALREADY AGREED TO SETTLE "WITHOUT THE USE OF FORCE."

4. SINGH STATED THAT THE COMMITMENTS MADE BY INDIA TO USE THE SIMLA PROCESS IN SETTLING PEACEFULLY AND BILATERALLY OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN SHOULD BE MORE THAN SUFFICIENT TO

SATISFY PAKISTAN'S REQUEST FOR "SPECIAL ASSURANCES" LEVIED AFTER INDIA'S NUCLEAR BLAST. HE WARNED BHUTTO AGAINST REPEATING PREVIOUS PAKISTAN DECISIONS TO FOLLOW "THE PATH OF CONFRONTATION." THE "SIMLA CONFERENCE PATH", WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THE SOLUTION OF "OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES" THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS, IS THE "ONLY PATH OPEN TO THEM", HE SAID.

5. CONCLUDING HIS SPEECH, SINGH AGAIN WELCOMED THE DETENTE IN EUROPE, THE EXCHANGE OF VISITS BETWEEN PRESIDENT NIXON AND SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV, AND THE RECENT MOSCOW AGREEMENTS, "EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT ALL-COMPREHENSIVE." IN ASIA, HE NOTED THAT PEACE WAS STILL ELUSIVE IN CAMBODIA WHERE INDIA FAVORS THE CESSATION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOSTILITIES, AND IN VIET-NAM, WHERE VIOLATIONS OF THE 1973 AGREEMENT WERE CONTINUING.

6. PERHAPS FEELING THAT EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER HAD SAID ENOUGH ON PAKISTAN, PRIME MINISTER GANDHI DID NOT EVEN MENTION THAT COUNTRY IN THE BRIEF SECTION ON FOREIGN POLICY IN HER POLITICAL SPEECH TO THE CONFERENCE LATER IN THE DAY.

7. COMMENT: AS WE SPECULATED IN OUR LAST CABLE IN INDO-PAKISTAN
RELATION'S, THE INDIANS ARE NOT ABOUT TO TAKE ANY FURTHER STEPS
TO CONCILIATE PAKISTAN AT THIS TIME.

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